

UCSF Cardiologist Appointed to California Council on Multicultural Health

Gordon L. Fung, MD, MPH, a cardiologist and clinical professor of medicine at UCSF, has been appointed to the California Council on Multicultural Health.

California Department of Health Services (CDHS) Director Sandra Shewry recently announced the appointment of Fung, one of 12 new members to serve on the 24-member statewide group of health policy experts who advise and assist the director and the CDHS Office of Multicultural Health (OMH).

With more than 20 years of medical practice in the city's Chinatown, Fung has witnessed many disparities in the delivery of health care because of cultural barriers of language, cultural norms and beliefs. Fung has a close affiliation with Chinese Hospital and the Chinese Community Health Care Association, which will provide high quality services to the community.

Since 1999, Fung has had a distinguished career with the San Francisco Medical Society's Executive Committee, serving as board member, treasurer and president-elect before assuming his current office as president. As a practicing cardiologist, he has dedicated his efforts to improve the heart health of his patients and of the larger community by creating a model program for multicultural outreach.

Fung has served as local president of the San Francisco Division of the American Heart Association (AHA) and has provided his expertise on AHA's Task Force on Asian Outreach.

"The council is an invaluable resource to key programs throughout the department and helped us establish our goal in closing the gaps in health status and access to care among the state's diverse populations," said Shewry. "We deeply appreciate the expertise, commitment and passion of these community leaders to improve the health of all Californians."

OMH was created in 1993 to expand the capacity of CDHS, health care providers and other community partners to eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of California's diverse populations.

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